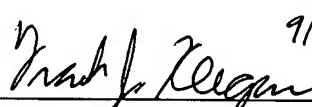


REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he/she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his/her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

By  9/13/01  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank J. Keegan, Reg. 50,145  
Attorney  
(914) 333-9669